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[on the report of the Second Committee (A/45/854)]

45/215. United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance of the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on future administrative arrangements for the Conference, 1/

Recalling its resolution 44/208 of 22 December 1989, and taking note of Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/80 of 27 July 1990,

1. Decides that the United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities shall remain the principal opportunity for Member States and others to pledge their contributions to United Nations development activities, that it shall continue to be convened early in November and that its basic format shall remain unchanged;

2. Decides also that:

(a) The Conference shall be limited to two working sessions;

(b) The Conference shall continue to be opened by the Secretary-General;

1/ A/45/281-E/1990/66 and Corr.1.

(c) Greater use should be made of written pledges and that delegations should be given an opportunity to make pledges in writing before the Conference takes place and to have them circulated during the Conference;

(d) As a general rule, statements by participants in the Conference shall be limited to five minutes each;

(e) A speakers' list shall be established for Member States and others wishing to speak; the only other statements will be an opening and closing statement by the President of the Conference, should he or she wish, and short closing statements by executive heads of the United Nations programmes and funds or their representatives;

(f) Delegations which are not in a position to make a definitive pledge should make known their pledges as soon as possible;

(g) The adoption and signing of the Final Act of the Conference shall be replaced by the adoption of a procedural report of the Conference;

3. Urges Member States to consider increasing their financial contributions to United Nations development activities.

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